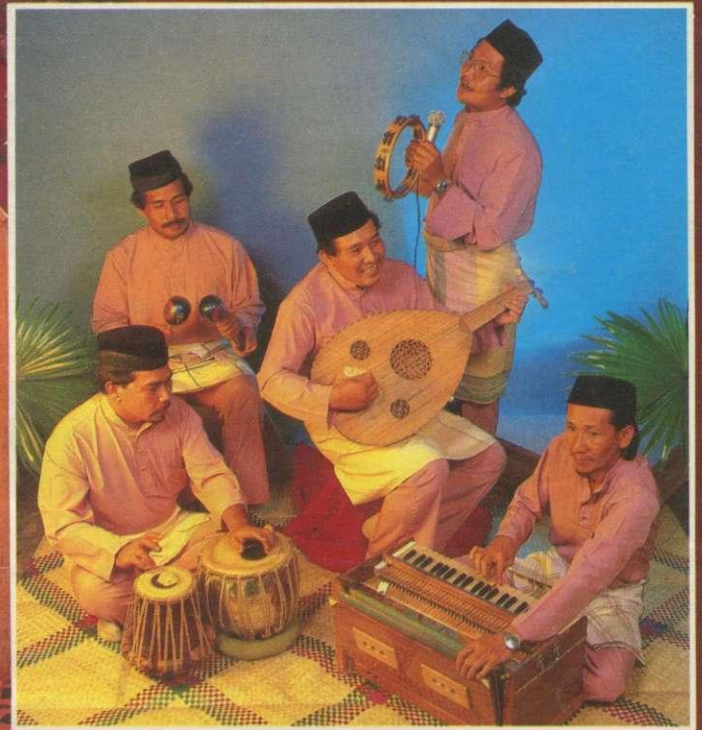


JOHOR

MAP AND GUIDE



Malaysia



4. Regent Elite
1, Jalan Siew Nam
Tel: 07-223811
67 rooms
Daily Rate: from
M\$52.00 to M\$95.00

Coffee shop, bar,
nightclub.



5. Straits View
1D, Jalan Skudai
Tel: 07-224133
30 rooms.
Daily Rate: from
M\$65.00 to M\$83.00

Coffee shop, bars, disco, garden terrace

6. Tropical Inn
Jalan Gereja
160 rooms
Tel: 07-221888
Rate: from M\$110.00 to M\$450.00

Restaurant, coffee house, disco, fitness centre.

Hotels Outside Johor Bahru

Mersing:

Merlin Inn, 1st. Mile, Endau Road
Tel: 07-791311/2

Government Rest House Tel: 07-791101

Batu Pahat:

De Mandarin Hotel, No. 7, Jalan Zabadah
Tel: 07-444011
Hotel Carnival,
Tel: 07-415122

Muar:

Kingdom Hotel, 158, Jalan Meriam, Muar.
Tel: 07-921921

Sri Pelangi Hotel, No. 79, Jalan Sisi, 84000 Muar, Johor
Tel: 06-918088

Segamat:

Merlin Inn Segamat, 26, Jalan Ros
Tel: 07-914611
Mercury Hotel, Wisma Chew Aun Ting.
Tel: 07-912101

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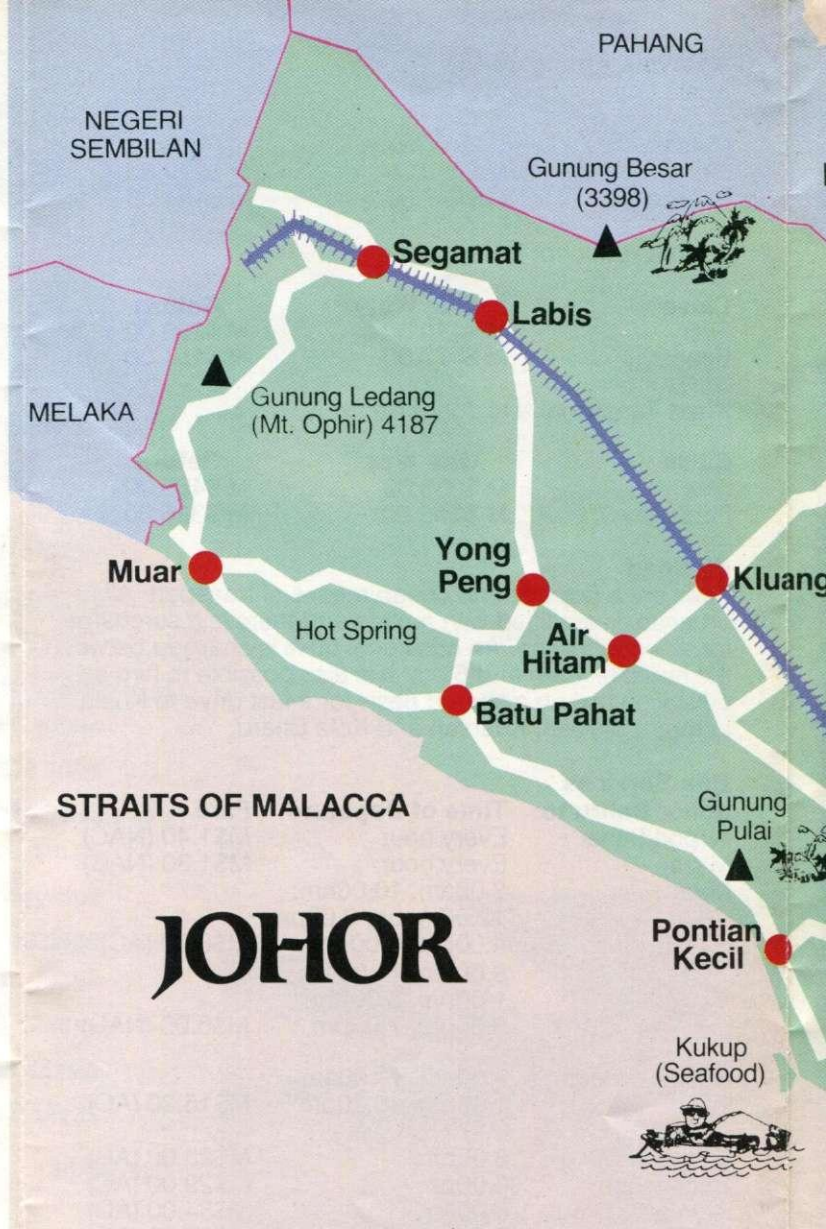
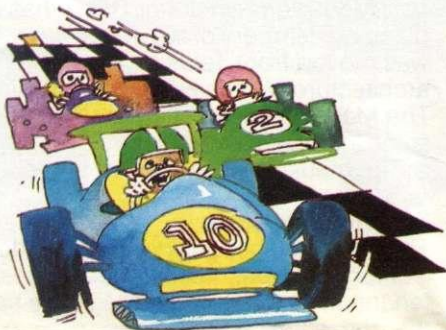
Hotel Anika
Tel: 07-724977

Desaru:

Desaru Golf Club
Tel: 07-838101

Desaru View Hotel
Tel: 07-838221

Desaru Chalets
Tel: 07-821211



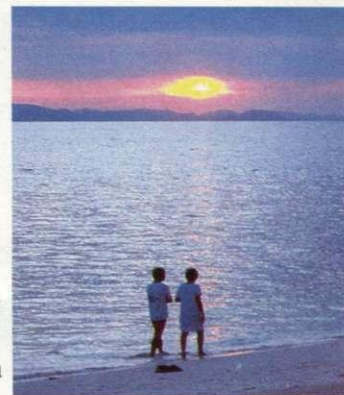


Moon Place

4th Floor, Johor Tower,
Jalan Gereja Johor Bahru
Tel: 07-221888

Hawker Centres

Johor Bahru also has a number of hawker's centres where it is possible to sample a wide variety of foods at very reasonable prices. They are located at Tepian Tebrau, Lido Beach Medan Selera, Medan Selera Taman Sentosa, Medan Selera Kebun Teh, Medan Selera Perhentian Bas, Medan Selera Jalan Ayer Molek and Medan Selera Jalan Datin Halimah.



Seafood in Johor Bahru:

Jaws 5 Seafood Restaurant

1D Jalan Skudai, 80200 Johor Bahru
Tel: 07-236062/3

This excellent restaurant and beer-garden, which overlooks the Straits of Johor, mainly serves food in the Szechuan Chinese style. It has many specialities. Especially recommended are the large tiger prawns, cooked in various ways according to taste.



Malay restaurants in Johor Bahru include the following:

Medina Restaurant

12 Jalan Meldrum
Tel: 07-226703

Medan Selera Food Court

- a) Awang Cafe
- b) De' Firiz
- c) D'Z Corner
- d) SR Corner
- e) Taka

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Tel: 07-229978.

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Grange's Banana Leaf

Prawn House Seafood Restaurant

22 Jalan Kanchil, Century Garden,
80250 Johor Bahru
Tel: 07-310606, 323719

This restaurant is immediately recognisable because of the giant lit-up 'electric prawn' which looks down on diners who sit beneath the stars. Indoor airconditioned seating is also available. With new dishes being added to the menu every few weeks, there is always something new to eat.

Midland Garden Seafood Restaurant

11, 21/2 miles, Jalan Skudai, Johor Bahru

EATING OUT

Eating out in Johor Bahru is always enjoyable because you can obtain a wide variety of Western and Asian dishes at reasonable cost. And the quality of the food may be judged by the fact that many Singaporeans, who live on an island nation well-known for its gastronomic delights, often come over to Johor Bahru on weekends to sample the local cuisine.

All the major hotels in Johor Bahru offer good Western food. In recent years there has also been an increase in the number of Western-style fast food outlets. But the visitor is more likely to want to taste local dishes. As in many other Malaysian states, the ethnic mix in Johor is such that cooking styles have been influenced by a variety of cultural traditions. Apart from Chinese, Malay and Indian foods there are also local variations which have evolved from traditional Javanese methods and the innovations of the locally-born Nyonya Chinese.

The local habit of eating out (especially in the evenings) also works in favour of the visitor. Roadside stalls are numerous and offer an almost endless variety of dishes to choose from. Malaysians are discriminating eaters and competition between stall operators to produce the best food is therefore very keen. The two main places where you will find large numbers of food stalls are the Tepian Tebrau Stalls in Jalan Skudai along the sea front and the stalls next to the central market.

Almost every major town in Malaysia has its own specialty. Johor Bahru is certainly no exception. The state capital is noted for its fresh seafood, especially oysters, prawns, fried cuttlefish, chilli crab and steamed crab. The more adventurous might also like to try sea cucumber. Other dishes include the *Laksa Johor* (Spaghetti) and *Iontong* (rice cubes), both served in spicy coconut milk gravy.

RESTAURANTS

Malay Food

Malay food uses various spices to flavour chicken, mutton or beef. Since rice is the staple of almost any meal, an assortment of condiments have been designed to contribute to its enjoyment. Satay (marinated meat on skewers served with spicy peanut sauce) is a favourite with visitors. Other

well-known Malay dishes include *Ikan Bilis* (small fish fried with soy sauce and peanuts), *Ikan Asam Pedas* (fish in spicy sour sauce) and *Sambal Udang* (hot chilli prawns). Malays, being Muslims, do not cook, serve or consume pork.



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Indian restaurants in Johor Bahru include:

Granee's Banana Leaf and Pub

27 Jalan Segget
Tel: 07-223573

Kerala Restaurant

33, Jalan Ibrahim,
Tel: 07-224283

Chinese Food

Chinese food varies greatly, despite the fact that it is mainly based on rice or noodles. The type of food prepared by a Chinese chef is basically influenced by the type of dialect he speaks. Cantonese food is very refined, Szechuan food is spicy, while Teochew food is known for its variety. Hokkien food is the most common in Johor. It includes popular dishes such as *Hokkien Mee*.

Chinese restaurants in Johor Bahru include the following:

Ming Dragon Restaurant

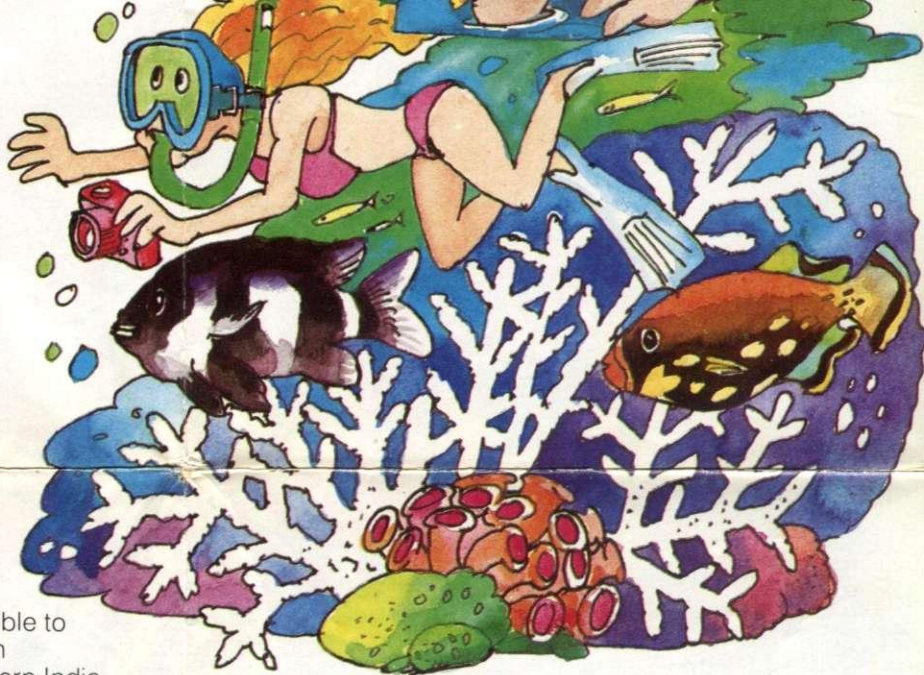
G12-14 Holiday Plaza, 2nd Floor,
Johor Bahru
Tel: 07-332252

Tong Ah Restaurant

No. 14 Jalan Ibrahim,
Johor Bahru
Tel: 07-222472

New Hong Kong Restaurant

69A Jalan Sultan Ibrahim
Stulang Laut
Tel: 07-223719



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This restaurant is located along the sea-front of Jalan Skudai. Diners have an excellent view across the Straits of Johor to Singapore and experience cooling sea breezes after a hot tropical day. Fresh pomfret, sea perch and sea bass are served regularly. The restaurant's specialties include *drunken prawn* and shark's fin soup. There is no government tax or service charge.

Other seafood restaurants in Johor Bahru include the New Hongkong Restaurant in Jalan Ibrahim Sultan and the Straits Cruise Seafood Restaurant in Jalan Skudai.

Seafood Outside Johor Bahru:

Kong Kong Fishing Village Restaurant

Located in Masai, 48 km from Johor Bahru along Jalan Ibrahim Sultan, this delightful Kampong (Village) style restaurant can be reached after a half-hour drive by car. It serves seafood specialties from the days of the 'river catch'. (Tel: 07-334669)

Kukup Seafood Restaurant

This restaurant, owned by Haji Salleh, is located at the Kukup Fishing Village, about 20 kilometres from Pontian. There you will find crab, fish and prawn cooked in various ways to suit one's taste. There are also other restaurants in the same place.

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IMPORTANT PLACES

1. Tourist Development Corporation of Malaysia Tel: 223590/91
Malaysian Airline System Office
Tel: 220888
2. Federal Government Office Complex (Wisma Persekutuan)
3. State Government Office Complex (Sultan Ibrahim Building)
4. General Post Office
5. Tourist Police Station
Tel: 07-232222, 245622
6. Tun Abd. Razak Complex
7. Customs Complex
8. Bus Terminal
9. Taxi Station Tel: 234494
10. Railway Station Tel: 224727
11. Telecoms Department
12. Police Traffic Station
13. Fire Brigade Station
14. Holiday Plaza
15. Larkin Stadium (Stadium Dato' Hassan Yunos)
16. Sentosa Complex

HOTELS

- A. Holiday Inn
- B. Tropical Inn
- C. Rasa Sayang
- D. Merlin Tower
- E. Merlin Inn

PLACES OF INTEREST

- P Istana Besar
- Q Sultan Abu Bakar Mosque
- R The Royal Mausoleum
- S Zoo
- T Istana Bukit Serene
- U Johore Area Rehabilitation Organization (JARO)

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Malaysia Airline (MAS)

Kuala Lumpur to Johor Bahru

Class	One Way	Return
First	M \$110.00	M \$220.00
Economy	M \$ 77.00	M \$154.00

Kuantan to Johor Bahru

Class	One Way	Return
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Kuala Terengganu to Johor Bahru

Class	One Way	Return
First	M \$233.00	M \$466.00
Economy	M \$163.00	M \$326.00

By Road

Taxis are a popular and cheap means of transport. All urban taxis are fitted with metres and there is a surcharge for air-conditioning. An additional 50% is charged between the hours of 1 am and 6 am. It is also possible to hire an outstation taxi on a shared basis for a fast drive to Kuala Lumpur, Melaka, Kuantan and Kota Bharu.

Bus Services

Johor Bahru to:	Time of Departure	Fare
Airport/Senai	Every hour	M\$1.40 (NAC)
Masai	Every hour	M\$1.30 (NAC)
Muar	8.00am, 10.00am, 12.00 noon, 2.00pm, 4.00pm, 6.00pm	M\$8.00 (AC)
	9.00am, 11.00am, 1.00pm, 3.00pm, 5.00pm, 7.00pm,	M\$6.00 (NAC)
Kuala Lumpur	9.00am, 11.00am, 1.00pm, 10.30pm	M\$15.20 (AC)
Ipoh	8.00pm	M\$23.00 (AC)
Butterworth	6.00pm	M\$29.00 (AC)
Alor Setar	6.00pm	M\$34.00 (AC)
Penang	8.00pm	M\$30.00 (AC)
Kuantan	8.30am, 10.30am, 11.30am, 11.00pm	M\$15.00 (AC)
K. Terengganu	8.30pm, 9.30pm 9.00pm	M\$22.00 (AC) M\$18.00 (NAC)
Kota Bharu	7.30pm 8.30pm	M\$24.00 (NAC) M\$29.00 (AC)

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CAR RENTAL

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attack Singapore from the north. The Japanese soon effected repairs and the Causeway resumed its role as an important road, railway and general communications link. The crossing also includes a pedestrian walkway for the energetic. Singapore gets a good deal of its water supply from large water pipes which have been laid across the Causeway from Johor.

Istana Besar

This imposing palace along Jalan Tun Dr Ismail in Johor Bahru was built in 1866 by His Royal Highness Sultan Abu Bakar, known to many as the Father of Modern Johor. The istana will soon be converted into a royal museum. The present Sultan lives in a more modern palace called Istana Bukit Serene on the outskirts of the city. The beautiful gardens of the Istana Besar cover 133 acres and are a favourite amongst joggers and picnickers. You may purchase souvenirs from Mawar Gift Shop located nearby.

Masjid Sultan Abu Bakar

This mosque, said to be one of the most beautiful in Malaysia, was completed in 1900, a few years after the death of the Sultan it is named after. The mosque, which took eight years to build, can accommodate 2,000 worshippers. It is located on spacious grounds not far from the Istana Besar overlooking Selat Teberau.

**The Royal Mausoleum**

This Mausoleum in Johor Bahru has been the final resting place of members of the Johor Royal family since the capital was moved from Teluk Belanga in Singapore. Its Muslim architecture blends well with that of the Abu Bakar mosque. The Mausoleum is not open to the public, but there are some impressive Muslim tombs in the grounds surrounding it. The mausoleum is located along Jalan Muhamadiyah.

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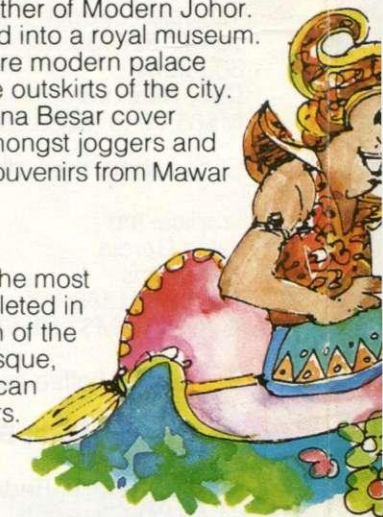
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Recreation and Entertainment

There are a variety of sports played in Johor Bahru. The most popular beach for water sports is the Stulang Laut Beach near Jalan Ibrahim Sultan and the Johor Board Sailing Club. The city also has a special stadium, the Stadium Tan Sri Dato' Haji Hassan Yunus, which serves as the home of the state soccer team. Other visitors may wish to test their golfing skills at the Royal Johor Country Club in Jalan Larkin which boasts of one of the best courses in the country. Public facilities in the city include tennis courts, jogging tracks, bowling alleys, snooker centres and scuba diving.

Johor Bahru also boasts of a racing circuit at Pasir Gudang where several international competitions are held each year. The leading hotels in Johor Bahru regularly provide live music and entertainment. The city also has numerous lounges, discos, pubs and cinemas. In addition, the Silver Jubilee Hall near the Istana Garden provides excellent stage and acoustic facilities for international shows.

Ulu Tiram Estate

Situated 26 kilometers from Johor Bahru, this estate provides visitors with an interesting introduction to Malaysia's agricultural wealth. It is possible to see rubber being tapped and follow the processing of the latex before it is ready for export. Visitors may also call in at the estate's oil palm factory to observe how the oil is extracted and refined to form the base for soap, margarine and cosmetics.

Waterfalls at Lumbong, Kota Tinggi

These falls are located 56 kilometres north of Johor Bahru, towards the East Coast. The waterfall is 32 metres high and has been a popular spot with both local and foreign tourists for many years. Those who feel the need for a change from the tropical heat may like to try swimming in the cool waters at the base of the falls. Several Swiss-type chalets have been built near the falls for visitors wishing to



for inter-island travel or fishing. There is a hydrofoil service from Mersing to Pulau Rawa and Pulau Tioman. Taxi fare from Johor Bahru: M\$10.00 NAC (per person)

OFF-SHORE ISLANDS

Pulau Rawa

Pulau Rawa, a beautiful island lying just 16 kilometres off the coast of Mersing is popular with both Singaporeans and international tourists. Sea sports such as snorkeling, scuba diving and spear fishing are popular on the island. Accommodation is available in chalets, but it is advisable to contact the Rawa Safari Tourist Centre in Mersing (Tel: 07-791 204)

Pulau Sibubesar

Pulau Sibubesar, a refreshing hideaway, abounds with lush tropical vegetation and endless stretches of golden beaches. Nearby is Pulau Sibutengah which is ideal for snorkeling and scuba diving. You may stay in — the Sibut Island Cabanas (Tel: 07-317216) and the Sea Gypsy Village Resort (Tel: 07-791101/102).

Pulau Besar

Located 1½ hours boat-ride from Mersing, Pulau Besar is ideal for snorkeling and scuba diving. For more information on boat services contact: Mersing Boat Association Tel: 07-7925011. Accommodation is available at Radin Island Resort. Tel: 07-793124 (Mersing) or 07-416044 (Batu Pahat). Other offshore islands include Pulau Kecil, Pulau Kukus and Pulau Lima. Call the Tourist Centre in Mersing for more information (07-791204)

Muar

Muar is a picturesque town popular for its delicious and inexpensive foodstalls and restaurants. Also known as Bandar Maharani, the town bears a striking resemblance to Melaka geographically, culturally and in terms of their interconnecting historical and commercial roles. Take a stroll along the tree-lined river side at Tanjong. From Muar, visitors can go to the waterfalls at the foot of Mount Ophir (Gunung Ledang) near Sagail. There is also a hot spring at Sungai Balang on the way to Batu Pahat. Taxi fare from Johor Bahru: M\$14.00 NAC (per person)

Batu Pahat

Situated on the main trunk road running north from Johor Bahru, Batu Pahat is a regional business and conference centre. It is also a favorite resting place for road travellers. A brief stop here should give you a chance to taste a wide range of fruits, groundnuts and other local delicacies as well as buy souvenirs and curios.

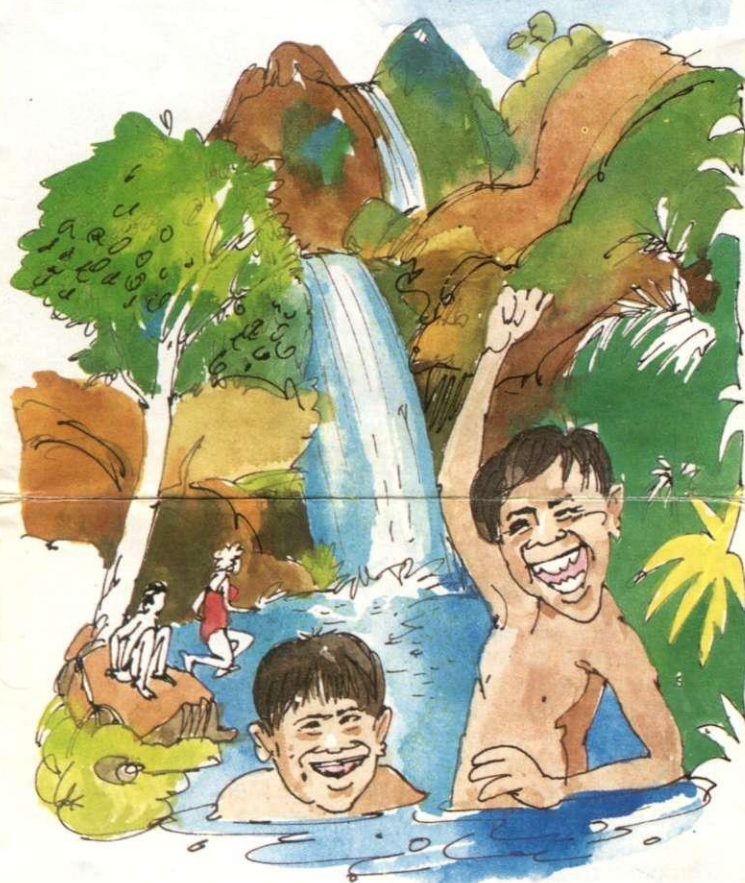
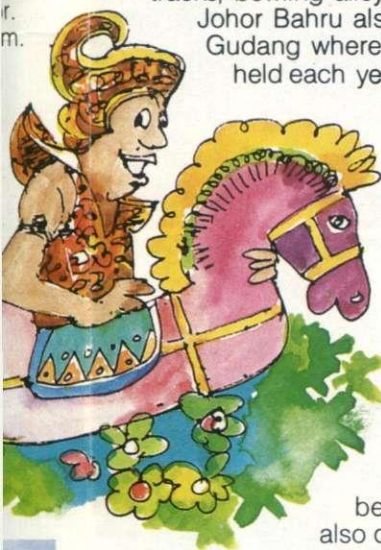
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Aw Pottery

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Endau Rompin Park

Located on the border between Johor and Pahang, this park is not for the casual visitor. But those who feel they would enjoy an adventurous trip past mangrove swamps



spend the night and take full advantage of the fresh mountain air. A restaurant serves both Chinese and European food. There are also food stalls. A camping site has been opened for the young and adventurous. Enquiries can be made through the Assistant State Secretary of Local Government, State Secretariat, Johor Bahru. Tel: 07-3311000/101

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2. Sintat Rent-a-car. Bahauddin and Rahmah Holdings, Sdn Bhd. 4, 2nd floor, Tun Abdul Razak Complex, Jalan Wong Ah Fook. Tel: 07-227110.
3. Hertz Rent-a-car, 95, Wisma Zainah, Jalan Tun Abdul Razak. Tel: 07-229552.
4. Calio Car Rentals and Tours, Ground Floor, Tropical Inn, Johor Tower, Jalan Gereja, Tel: 07-233325/233326.
5. Halaju Selatan Sdn. Bhd., 4M-1 Larkin Complex, Jalan Larkin. Tel: 07-234234/232559

PLACES OF INTEREST

There are a wide variety of things to do and places to see in Johor. Johor Bahru has a number of interesting historical buildings and handicraft centres. Outside the state capital at the Ulu Tiram Estate it is possible to see rubber being tapped and processed. Those who prefer to bask in the tropical sun can choose between the well-known beach resort at Desaru and the unspoilt beauty of islands such as Pulau Rawa, Pulau Sibul, Pulau Besar which lie a few kilometres off the east coast.

The Causeway

Entering Johor Bahru from Singapore involves travelling across the Causeway which links the two cities. Completed in 1924 after four years work, the Causeway is 1056 metres long and extends to a depth of 23 metres below the water level. In January 1942 the British Army demolished part of it as invading Japanese forces prepared to

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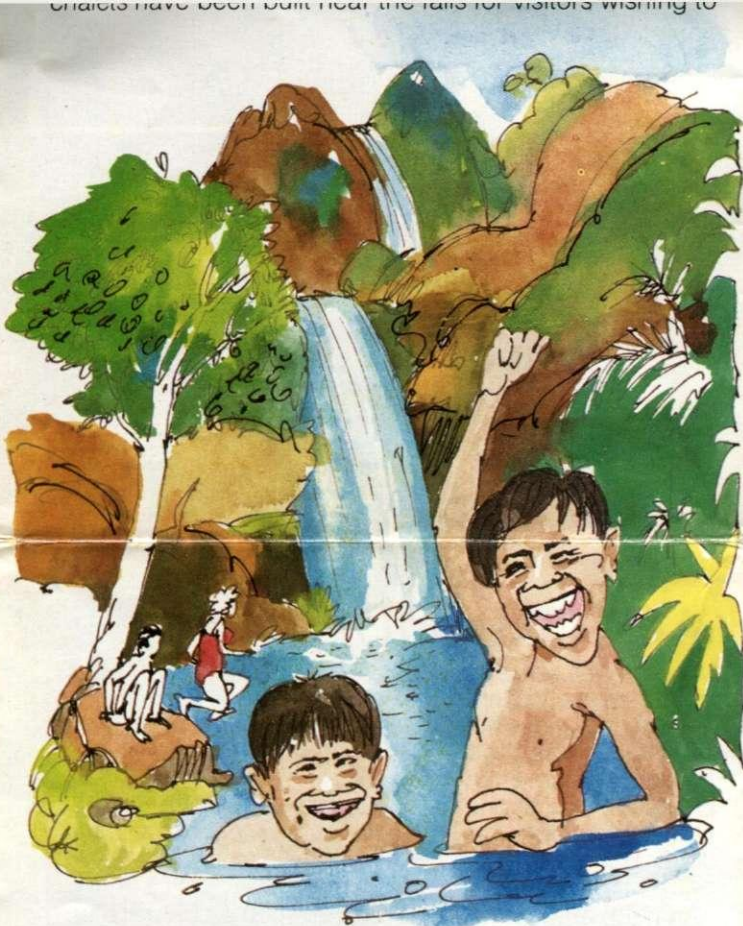
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Handicraft Centres

Johor Bahru has several handicraft centres. The Johor Area Rehabilitation Organization (JARO) maintains a shop in its new building in Jalan Waterworks where visitors can purchase a variety of goods such as baskets, soft dolls and other handicrafts made by handicapped persons. In addition, the Johor Crafttown Handicraft Centre at 36, 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles Jalan Skudai, off Jalan Abu Bakar, offers hand-drawn batik cloths, batik paintings, straw mats and other goods for sale.

At Sri Ayu Batik Industries, located at 136 Jalan Perwira Satu, Taman Ungku Tun Aminah it is possible to watch a batik-making demonstration as well as Kain Songket and copper tooling. The Kukup traditional village at No. 7 Kg Teluk Kerang is also worth a stop, if you wish to observe kampong life and the making of cottage handicrafts.





spend the night and take full advantage of the fresh mountain air. A restaurant serves both Chinese and European food. There are also food stalls. A camping site has been opened for the young and adventurous. Enquiries can be made through the Assistant State Secretary of Local Government, State Secretariat, Johor Bahru (Tel: 07-231132/3/4/5). There are a number of historical grave yards in Kota Tinggi, the famous being Kampong Kelantan, Makam Tun Habib, Seluyut and Sayung Pinang.

Taxi fare from Johor Bahru: M\$3.00 NAC (per person)

Entrance

Adults
Children

Rates

M\$1.00
20 - 40 cts

Parking

Bus
Car
Motorbike

Rates

M\$5.00
M\$2.00
M\$1.00

Johor Lama

Today Johor Lama (old Johor) is a quiet village 19 kilometres from Kota Tinggi on the banks of the Johor river. However, after the fall of Melaka it became the royal capital of the Sultans of Johor until the final destruction of the town fort in 1587.

Desaru

This stretch of beach, formerly surrounded by virgin jungle, was opened up as a tourist resort by the Johor Tenggara Development Authority (Kejora). The resort is linked to Kota Tinggi by a modern highway and has two first class hotels as well as beach chalets for rental. A 36 hole international-type golf course has also been built and there are facilities for day visitors. On weekends hawkers stalls on the normally quiet beach, cater for an influx of day trippers. There are also facilities for sports such as tennis and canoeing. Taxi fare from Johor Bahru: M\$50.00 AC (per taxi)

Off Shore Islands Of Mersing

Mersing is a pleasant town known for its large bustling fishing fleet. It is also the setting off point for a large number of islands in the South China Sea, including the well-known Pulau Tioman in the state of Pahang. The Mersing Boat Hire Association provides boats

on boat services contact : Mersing Boat Association
Tel: 07-7925011. Accommodation is available at Radin Island Resort. Tel: 07-793124 (Mersing) or 07-416044 (Batu Pahat). Other offshore islands include Pulau Kecil, Pulau Kukus and Pulau Lima. Call the Tourist Centre in Mersing for more information (07-791204)

Muar

Muar is a picturesque town popular for its delicious and inexpensive foodstalls and restaurants. Also known as Bandar Maharani, the town bears a striking resemblance to Melaka geographically, culturally and in terms of their interconnecting historical and commercial roles. Take a stroll along the tree-lined river side at Tanjong. From Muar, visitors can go to the waterfalls at the foot of Mount Ophir (Gunung Ledang) near Sagail. There is also a hot spring at Sungai Balang on the way to Batu Pahat. Taxi fare from Johor Bahru: M\$14.00 NAC (per person)

Batu Pahat

Situated on the main trunk road running north from Johor Bahru, Batu Pahat is a regional business and conference centre. It is also a favorite resting place for road travellers. A brief stop here should give you a chance to taste a wide range of fruits, groundnuts and other local delicacies as well as buy souvenirs and curios.

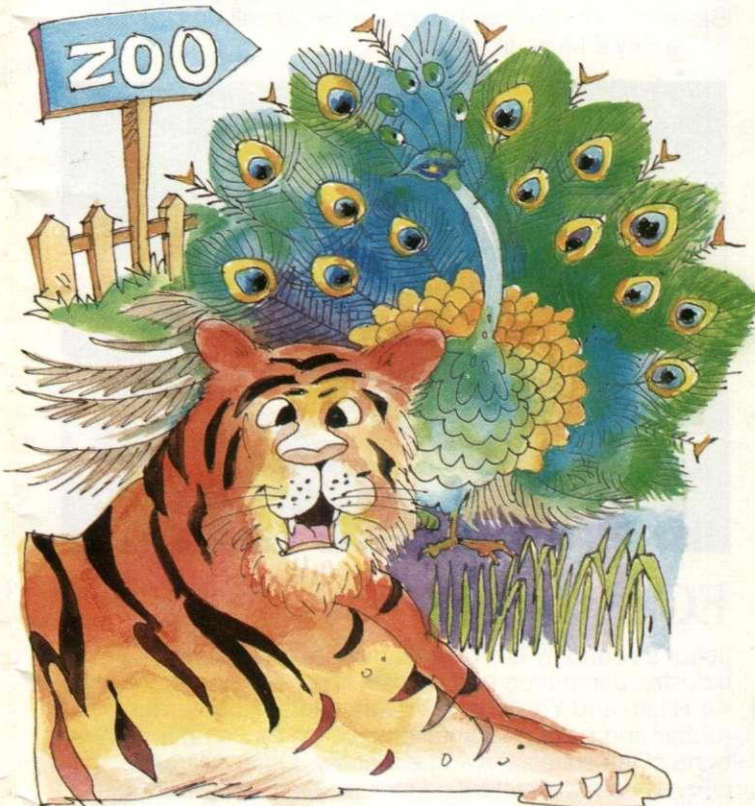
Taxi fare from Johor Bahru: M\$10.00 NAC (per person)

Aw Pottery

The Aw Pottery near Air Hitam has long been a favourite with both local and foreign tourists. Its brick kiln, built to a Chinese design, is 48 metres long and produces around 2,000 individual pieces of pottery at each firing. The Minangkabau showroom displays a wide variety of pottery for sale. Visitors are welcome to wander through the studio behind the showroom to watch the potters at work.

Endau Rompin Park

Located on the border between Johor and Pahang, this park is not for the casual visitor. But those who feel they would enjoy an adventurous trip past mangrove swamps and mud flats to the unspoiled beauty beyond the headwaters of the Endau river should contact the Tourist Information Centre in Mersing or Johor Bahru. Entry permits are required to enter the area. They may be obtained from the State Security Council, 2nd Floor, Bangunan Sultan Ibrahim, Bukit Timbalan, Johor Bahru.

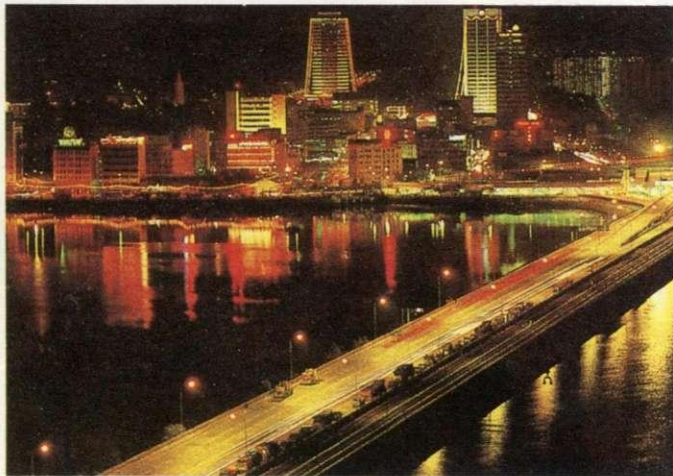


A BRIEF BACKGROUND

Johor is the second largest State in Peninsular Malaysia, comprising 18,941 sq. km. and has a population of 1,600,946 (1980). It is situated within latitude 1°20'N to 2°35'N longitude 102°40'E to 100°16'E. It is bounded on the North by the State of Pahang, West by Melaka and Negeri Sembilan and South by the Johor Straits and connected to Singapore by a Causeway.

Johor has a long and proud history. It was ruled by the Melaka Sultans after the fall of Melaka in 1511 by the Portuguese. Sultan Mahmud Shah II was the last of the Johor branch of the Melaka Royal Line. He died in 1699 at Kota Tinggi as Marhum Kota Tinggi Mangkat Dijulang.

The Father of Modern Johor is Sultan Abu Bakar who moved the Capital of Johor from Telok Belanga to Johor Bahru in 1866. He introduced western methods of administration and gave Johor the first Constitution ever to be presented to a Malay State. He was a close friend of Queen Victoria and was recognised as Sultan of Johor. He spent some of his time visiting Europe and Asia and brought home vast treasures which can be seen at Istana Besar in Johor Bahru. The Istana Besar will be converted into a Royal Museum shortly.



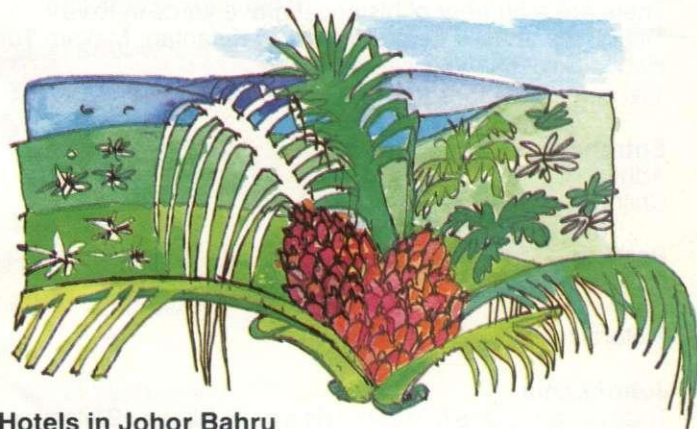
ECONOMY

Johor's economy is a diverse mixture of agriculture, industry, commerce and tourism. Travelling north through Air Hitam and Yong Peng visitors can see numerous rubber and palm oil plantations, which make up the backbone of the state's thriving economy. Other products derived from the hinterland include pineapples, pepper and bauxite. Timber is also an important export.

ACCOMMODATION

Johor is well served with hotels to suit a variety of tastes and budgets. Visitors will also be pleasantly surprised to find that top class hotels in Johor Bahru are competitively priced compared to those of Singapore and Kuala Lumpur. Those who wish to stay in Johor Bahru may choose to stay at one of the city's luxury hotels such as the New Holiday Inn, the Tropical Inn, the Merlin Tower, the Johor Bahru Merlin and the Rasa Sayang.

The other major towns to the north, such as Batu Pahat, Kluang, Kota Tinggi, Segamat, Muar and Mersing, also have a range of good hotels. The beach resort of Desaru offers visitors a choice between the luxurious Desaru View Hotel and the popular Merlin Inn and more rustic chalets and camping facilities. There is also chalet accommodation on many of the islands off the east coast.



Hotels in Johor Bahru

1. Holiday Inn
Jalan Dato Sulaiman, Century Garden
Tel: 07-323800
200 rooms.
Daily rates: from M\$110.00 to M\$850.00

Restaurants, coffee shop, disco, swimming pool.

2. Merlin Inn
10, Jalan Bukit Meldrum
Tel: 07-228581
104 rooms.
Daily rates: from M\$65.00 to M\$180.00

Restaurant, coffee terrace, bar, nightclub, health centre.

3. Rasa Sayang
10, Jalan Dato Dalam
Tel: 07-224744
110 rooms.
Rate: from M\$37.00 to M\$60.00

Coffee house, lounge, fitness centre.